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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ARIZONA GOVERNOR CASTRO

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1. DURING HIS OCTOBER 5-12 VISIT TO TAIWAN, GOVERNOR CASTRO AND HIS PARTY CALLED ON NUMEROUS HIGH-RANKING GROC OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, GOVERNOR HSIEH TUNG-MIN, AND MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, AND FINANCE. THEY ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR UNGER FOR A BRIEFING AND A RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE. THE CASTRO PARTY TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TAIWAN, VISITING TAICHUNG, KAOHSIUNG, HUALIEN, AND KINMEN AS WELL AS THE TAIPEI AREA. THE PARTY ATTENDED VARIOUS EVENTS CELEBRATING DOUBLE TEN AND PROFESSED TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE MILITARY PARADE.

2. IN HIS PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, GOVERNOR CASTRO WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE OF ARIZONA "HAD NO INTEREST" IN DEALING WITH THE PRC. "THEY WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE BUSINESS TIES WITH THE ROC."
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